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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

## Please cancel claims 6, 9, 21, 25 and 26, without prejudice and disclaimer, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A roll apparatus provided at a continuous caster for transferring a cast piece to a predetermined location comprising:

at least three divided rolls arranged to align concentrically and in an axial direction thereof to constitute a roll forming a cast piece transfer path,

wherein at least one end portion of at least one of the divided rolls is supported by a cylindrical roller bearing of a full roller type, said cylindrical roller bearing comprising: comprising an outer ring member having a cylindrical outer diameter surface.

an outer ring member, having a cylindrical outer diameter surface; an inner ring member; and

a plurality of cylindrical rollers rollably arranged between the outer ring member and the inner ring member,

wherein the outer ring member comprises an integral one piece member comprising a surface contacting with said cylindrical roller and a cylindrical outer circumferential surface.

2. (Previously Presented) The roll apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the upper forming roll and the lower forming roll are opposed to each other in a thickness direction of the cast piece, and

wherein an arrangement of the divided rolls of the upper forming roll and an arrangement of the divided rolls of the lower forming roll are made different from each other.

- 3. (Previously Presented) The roll apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least three divided rolls are arranged in a direction of transferring the cast piece.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 1, wherein end portions of all of the divided rolls are supported by cylindrical roller bearings, said cylindrical roller bearings comprising full roller type bearings.

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- 5. (Previously Presented) The roll apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the divided rolls is supported by an independent cylindrical roller bearing.
- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cylindrical roller bearing comprises: said an outer ring member comprises with a flange supported by a roll supporting apparatus.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 7, A roll apparatus provided at a continuous caster for transferring a cast piece to a predetermined location comprising:

at least three divided rolls arranged to align concentrically and in an axial direction thereof to constitute a roll forming a cast piece transfer path.

wherein at least one end portion of at least one of the divided rolls is supported by a cylindrical roller bearing of a full roller type, said cylindrical roller bearing comprising an outer ring member having a cylindrical outer diameter surface, said outer ring member comprising a flange supported by a roll supporting apparatus, and

wherein the cylindrical roller bearing further comprises:

an inner ring member arranged on an inner side of the outer ring member in a diameter direction thereof concentrically therewith and externally fitted to an end portion of each of the divided rolls.

- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Currently Amended) A roll apparatus provided at a continuous caster for transferring a cast piece to a predetermined location, said apparatus comprising:

a roll comprising an upper forming roll and a lower forming roll each including at least three divided rollers rolls, each of said divided rollers rolls having a different length in the axial direction,

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wherein said divided rollers rolls are arranged to align concentrically and in an axial direction, and

wherein at least one end portion of at least one of the divided rollers rolls is supported by a cylindrical roller bearing, said cylindrical roller bearing comprising:

an outer ring member, having a cylindrical outer diameter surface;

an inner ring member; and

a plurality of cylindrical rollers rollably arranged between the outer ring member and the inner ring member.

wherein the outer ring member comprises an integral one piece member comprising a surface contacting with said cylindrical roller and a cylindrical outer circumferential surface.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The roll apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said cylindrical roller bearing comprises a full roller type roller bearing.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 10, wherein each of said at least three divided rollers rolls comprises at least a first roller roll, a second roller roll and a third roller roll.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the first roller roll comprises a shortest length and the third roller roll comprises a longest length.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 12, wherein an arrangement sequence of the first roller roll, the second roller roll and the third roller roll of the upper forming roll is opposite to an arrangement sequence of the first roller roll, the second roller roll and the third roller roll.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the cylindrical roller bearing comprises: said an outer ring member comprises with a flange supported by a roll supporting apparatus.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 15, A roll apparatus

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provided at a continuous caster for transferring a cast piece to a predetermined location, said apparatus comprising:

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a roll comprising an upper forming roll and a lower forming roll each including at least three divided rolls, each of said divided rolls having a different length in the axial direction.

wherein said divided rolls are arranged to align concentrically and in an axial direction.

wherein at least one end portion of at least one of the divided rolls is supported by a cylindrical roller bearing.

wherein said outer ring member comprise a flange supported by a roll supporting apparatus, and

wherein the cylindrical roller bearing further comprises:

an inner ring member arranged on an inner side of the outer ring member in a diameter direction thereof concentrically therewith and externally fitted to an end portion of each of the divided rolls.

17. (Previously Presented) The roll apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the cylindrical roller bearing further comprises:

a plurality of pieces of cylindrical rollers rollably arranged between the outer ring member and the inner ring member.

- 18. (Currently Amended) The roller apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the inner ring member of each cylindrical roller bearing is inserted with an end portion of each of the first roller roll, the second roller roll and the third roller roll.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The roll apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising: a hydraulic cylinder apparatus for adjusting the distance between the upper forming roll and the lower forming roll.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of said

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at least three divided rollers rolls comprises at first roller roll, a second roller roll and a third roller roll.

wherein said first roller comprises a shortest length and the third roller comprises a longest length.

## 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of said at least three divided rollers rolls comprises a first roller roll, a second roller roll and a third roller roll,

wherein the lengths of the three pieces of rollers rolls are the shortest in the first rollers roll and are lengthened in an order of the second rollers roll and the third rollers roll in an axial direction.

23. (Currently Amended) The roll apparatus according to claim 10, wherein each of said at least three divided rollers rolls comprises a first roller roll, a second roller roll and a third roller roll,

wherein the lengths of the three pieces of rollers <u>rolls</u> are the shortest in the first rollers <u>roll</u> and are lengthened in an order of the second rollers <u>roll</u> and the third rollers <u>roll</u> in an axial direction.

24. (Previously Presented) A roll apparatus provided at a continuous caster for transferring a cast piece to a predetermined location comprising:

at least three divided rolls arranged to align concentrically and in an axial direction thereof to constitute a roll forming a cast piece transfer path,

wherein at least one end portion of at least one of the divided rolls is supported by a cylindrical roller bearing of a full roller type,

wherein the cylindrical roller bearing comprises:

an outer ring member with a flange supported by a roll supporting apparatus; an inner ring member arranged on an inner side of the outer ring member in a

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diameter direction thereof concentrically therewith and externally fitted to an end portion of the divided roll; and

a plurality of pieces of cylindrical rollers rollably arranged between the outer ring member and the inner ring member.

25-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A roll apparatus provided at a continuous caster for transferring a cast piece to a predetermined location comprising:

at least three divided rolls arranged to align concentrically and in an axial direction thereof to constitute a roll forming a cast piece transfer path,

wherein at least one end portion of at least one of the divided rolls is supported by a cylindrical roller bearing of a full roller type,

wherein the cylindrical roller bearing comprises:

an outer ring member with a flange supported by a roll supporting apparatus;

an inner ring member arranged on an inner side of the outer ring member in a diameter direction thereof concentrically therewith and externally fitted to an end portion of the divided roll; and

a plurality of pieces of cylindrical rollers rollably arranged between the outer ring member and the inner ring member.